appropriate action under Direct Taxes Acts.

(c) The investigations|asessments in search cases are made under the guidance and supervision of senior officers of the Income Tax Department.

Reduction of interest rate of commercial lending

1529. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce the interest rate on commercial lending; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) There is no proposal under consideration to reduce the rate of interest on commercial lending.

(b) Does not arise.

Revamping of taxation system

1530. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the entire taxation system in order to accelerate industrial growth rate; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the frequency of Boeing services between Delhi and Bhubaneswar

1531. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received request from the Government of Orissa to increase the frequency of Boeing services between Delhi and Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has plans to increase the frequency of Boeing service between Delhi and Bhubaneshwar during the Winter Schedule of 1984-85.

Export of ready-made gold ornaments

1532. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for allowing export of ready-made gold ornaments;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study regarding the demand for such ornaments abroad; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Requests from trade had been received for liberalisation of the Policy for gold jewellery exports from the country. A Gold Jewellery Export Promotion and Replenishment Scheme has been brought into effect.

(c) The Handicraft and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Ltd. and trade have been studying the markets abroad on the basis of which they feel that Indian jewellery would evoke good response in the wake of the impact of the new Gold Jewellery Export Policy notified by the Government.

New area for tea production

1533. SHRI J. K. JAIN Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to earmark any areas in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh for tea production; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

वायुदूत सेवा से जोड़े जाने वाले शहर

1534. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग एेयुबबेग:** क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अगले छ: महीनों के दौरान देश के किन-किन शहरों को "वायुदूत" सेवा से जोड़े जाने की संभावना है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार को गुजरात के सूरत शहर को वायुदूत सेवा से जोड़े जाने की कोई मांग प्राप्त हुई है; यदि हां, तो इस सेवा को कब तक शुरू किए जाने की संभावना है ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान): (क) वायुदूत की वर्ष 1984-85 में नए विमान प्राप्त हो जाने पर, प्रचालनों की आर्थिक विकासक्षमता/साध्यता तथा इन विमानक्षेत्रों पर अपेक्षित आधार संरचनात्मक सुविधाओं का विकास हो जाने पर, निम्नलिखित स्टेशनों को जोड़ने की योजनाएं है–

1. राजामुनन्द्री
2. कुडप्पा
3. वारंगल
4. मैसूर
5. कालीकट
6. रत्नागिरी
7. नांदेड
8. सूरत
9. रायबरेली
10. बीकानेर
11. जैसलमेर

(ख) जी, हां । जैसा कि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) में कहा गया है, सूरत उन स्टेशनों में से एक है जिनके लिए वर्ष 1984-85 में वायुदूत प्रचालन आरंभ किए जाने के बारे में विचार किया जा रहा है ।

News item captioned "Communication gap holds up T. N. Tourism Projects"

1535. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Communication gap holds up T.N. Tourism Projects" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' (Madras) on the 27th May, 1984; and

(b) if so, what steps the Tourism Department has taken to speed up the tourism projects mentioned therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department has held several consultation with the State Government regarding the proposals relating to Tamil Nadu. In view of the constraint on resources the State Government has been asked to submit a set of proposals which it may be possible to take up in the Central Sector within the available resources.

Introduction of Yatri Vans by I.T.D.C. to serve cheap and standard food to the public

1536. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Yatri Vans were put on the road by the Indian Tourism Development Corporation to serve cheap and standard food to the public in Delhi and also the expenditure incurred on these vans;

(b) what is the profit earned on these vans during the last three years, yearwise; and